

CHAPTER NO. 166

SENATE BILL NO. 1116

By Jackson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1700

By Odom

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-4-101, relative to chiropractic practice.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-4-101, is amended by deleting subsections (a) through (d) in their entirety, by designating present subsection (e) as subsection (c), and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) The term "chiropractic" where used in this chapter is defined as the science and art of locating and removing interference with nerve transmission and nerve function. A chiropractic physician diagnoses and treats neuromuscular and musculoskeletal conditions through physical agent modalities and manipulative therapies. The adjustment, manipulation, or treatment shall be directed toward restoring and maintaining the normal neuromuscular and musculoskeletal function and health of the patient. A chiropractic physician will also make appropriate health referrals for conditions that may not be treated by physical agent modalities and manipulative therapies. Patient care shall be conducted with due regard for nutrition, environment, hygiene, sanitation, and rehabilitation designed to assist in the restoration and maintenance of the patient's health. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize the chiropractic physician to practice any branch of medicine, or osteopathy as defined in Chapters 6 and 9 of this Title, or surgery, including venipuncture or the prescribing of medication.

(b) As used in this chapter, "chiropractic physician" means a graduate of an accredited chiropractic college authorized to confer upon graduates the degree of doctor of chiropractic (D.C.), who is duly licensed in this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 5, 2003


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 20th day of May 2003


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR